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Requirements: When you read the assignment for each class please keep notes – and bring them with you to class – in which you critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the arguments deployed in the readings: Are the arguments persuasive? Are there any points overlooked in the readings? Any counter-arguments? etc. Participation and attendance count. Please let us know in advance if you will miss class. Every member of the class is expected to participate in discussions each week. Class participation will count 20% of the final grade.

Your final paper for this course (1 draft only; 2500 to 3000 words) can take one of two forms: a critical analysis of one (or more) of the theoretical perspectives discussed in class or a careful application of one (or more) such perspectives in a specific doctrinal setting. Within those general charges, you will have wide latitude to craft a paper topic to your interest. You must submit a short topic proposal for the longer paper. These can be as short as a few sentences – whatever it takes to let us understand what you propose to write about.

Papers will be graded on an Honours/Pass/Fail basis for JD students and the SGS scale for graduate students. Papers must be delivered to the Records Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday March 9, 2012.

Readings: All our readings are included in GREGORY A. ALEXANDER & HANOCH DAGAN, PROPERTIES OF PROPERTY (forthcoming, Aspen 2012). Here is our tentative timetable:

## *Week one:*

1. Monday (Feb. 6), (12:30 – 2:00): Property and Labor – ch1 of Properties of Property
2. Tuesday (Feb. 7) (12:30 – 2:00): Property and Personhood – chs 2 & 16(1)
3. Thursday (Feb. 9), (12:30 – 2:00): Property and Well-Being – ch.5
4. Friday (Feb. 10), (2:10 – 4:10): Property and Liberty – chs. 3 & 4

## *Week two:*

5. Monday (Feb. 13) (8:50 – 10:20): Property, Responsibility, and Distributive Justice – chs 9(2) & 7
6. Tuesday (Feb. 14) (12:30 – 2:00): Exit, Entry, and Exclusion – chs 9(1) & 10
7. Wednesday (Feb. 15) (12:30 – 2:00): Property Governance – chs 12, 15(2) & 16(3)
8. Thursday (Feb. 6) (12:30 – 2:00): The Structure of Property – chs 8(1) & 8(2)
9. Friday (Feb. 7) (8:30 -10:00): Property and the Market – chs 13(1) & 13(2)

